

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING



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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

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Date of Last Inspection: 4/4,5/2000

INSPECTION REPORT

Mine Name: Sunnyside Refuse/Slurry County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/035						
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Sunnyside Cogeneration Associates						
Business Address: P.O. Box 10, East Carbon, Utah 84520						
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface_XXX Prep. Plant Other						
Company Official(s): Rusty Netz						
State Officials(s): Bill Malencik Federal Official(s): None						
Weather Conditions: Windy, Cold, 60's, Partly Cloudy						
Existing Acreage: Permitted-310 Disturbed-202 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-202						
Increased/Decreased: Permitted Disturbed Regraded Seeded Bonded						
Status: _Exploration/XXX Active/_Inactive/_Temporary Cessation/_Bond Forfeiture						
Reclamation (_Phase I/_Phase II/_Final Bond Release/_ Liability 1994 Course Refuse Road						

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.

For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.

For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.

- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

		EVALUATED	<u>N/A</u>	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1.	PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	[]	[]		[]
2.	SIGNS AND MARKERS	$\overline{[XX]}$	Π	i i	\Box
3.	TOPSOIL	$\overline{[XX]}$	Π	Ħ	
4.	HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:		*****	_	
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· b.	SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	Π	[XX]	i i
C.	OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	$\overline{[XX]}$	Π	[XX]	\Box
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5.	EXPLOSIVES	\Box	$\overline{[XX]}$	$\overline{\Box}$	
6.	DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	$\overline{[XX]}$			Ħ
7.	COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	[XX]	Π	[XX]	
8.	NONCOAL WASTE	[XX]	$\overline{\Box}$	[]	$\overline{\Box}$
9.	PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			
	RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	[]	[]	[]	ſl
10.	SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	$\overline{[XX]}$	Γī	ī	i i
11.	CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION				ī
12.	BACKFILLING AND GRADING		$\overline{\Box}$	Π	i i
13.	REVEGETATION		$\overline{\Box}$	ī	īī
14.	SUBSIDENCE CONTROL		[XX]		i i
15.	CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	\Box		<u>[]</u>	i i
16.	ROADS:				_
a.	CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	[XX]		[XX]	[]
	DRAINAGE CONTROLS	[XX]			i i
17.	OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES		$\overline{\Box}$	ī	Π
18.	SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS		$\overline{\Box}$		\Box
19.	AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)(date)	\Box	$\overline{\Box}$	<u> </u>	$\overline{\Box}$
20.	AIR QUALITY PERMIT		$\overline{\Box}$	\Box	口
21.	BONDING & INSURANCE	ĹĪ	īī	ī	Γī

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GENERAL COMMENTS

- -Conducted a partial inspection of the Sunnyside Cogeneration Surface Mine. The environmental control measures were functional.
- -Brian Burnett is working with Pam on a new Chapter 1. Also, Brian is working on a test burn proposal. When he completes his work about the middle of July, he will send the proposal to DOGM for approval.
- -Sunnyside Cogeneration is looking into the possibility of screening Savage's coal waste.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Disturbed and undisturbed diversions are shown on plate 7-6, individual designed diversions are on Appendix 7-3. The disturbed diversions include culverts, berms, and ditches.

A sampling of key diversions during the inspection did not uncover any maintenance problems. A new culvert was installed adjacent to slurry pond #1 on an ancillary road.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The disturbed area contains eleven impoundments, of which seven are sediment ponds. There are four slurry approved impoundments. Slurry cell one and two are non-MSHA impoundments. The east and west slurry cells are MSHA impoundments. All slurry cells are inactive. This occurred when the Sunnyside Mine closed and no longer washed coal in 1994. Furthermore, the slurry ditch has just been reclaimed in 1999 and no slurry will be conveyed to the slurry cells.

The sediment ponds and slurry cells were inspected and reports were reduced to writing.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

There are three small areas where designed silt fences and/or vegetation has been approved by the Division to provide sediment control.

- Area 1 South of the clear water pond, vegetation is the treatment.
- Area 2 South of the reclaimed coarse refuse road, silt fences and vegetation are the treatment.
- Area 3 Railroad culvert, adjacent up-slope, silt fence, and vegetation provides the treatment.



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There are other soil and sediment control devices including silt fences; however, these are redundant control measures. All such areas drain into approved sediment ponds. The silt fence was being repaired during the inspection. High winds this day were the problem and blew down part of the silt fence.

6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES

The permittee has an approved site to store spoil and tipple processing waste. Currently, spoil is stored in the decommissioned slurry cell as currently approved in the MRP. The waste is being placed in the slurry cell #1. When slurry cell #1 is filled, the operation will move to slurry cell #2.

Three sites were approved so that coal material would be stored on the spoil piles and not on the refuse pile.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The permittee is currently mining the west slurry cell and contiguous refuse pile. No mining has started on the east slurry cell.

16A. ROADS: CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING

An amendment has been approved by Pam Grubaugh-Littig on increasing the width of the primary road. The road will be extended to the north about 75'. A ditch currently designed and a culvert will also be moved. Advised the permittee to submit as-builts when the project is completed.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Rusty Netz (Cogen)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: May 17, 2000

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